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AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A motor-fan unit comprising:
 - a motor assembly having a shaft, a commutator supported on said shaft, and a pair of brushes in electrical contact with said commutator;
 - a fan assembly having fan coupled to said shaft;
 - an end plate assembly located between said fan and said motor assembly, said end plate assembly including a plate portion defining an opening through which said shaft passes, wherein said commutator is located near said opening; and
 - a pair of brush retainers each having an open end adapted to receive a corresponding one of said brushes, each said brush retainer formed on said plate portion adjacent said commutator, wherein each said brush retainer has a first member extending axially toward said motor, a second member extending from said first member and a third member extending axially toward said fan assembly from said second member, and wherein each said brush retainer has a gap [[brush opening]] between said third member and said end plate.
6. (Currently Amended) The motor-fan unit of claim 1~~[[4]]~~, further comprising a support member extending from said end plate portion toward said motor assembly adjacent said third wall and in supporting relation thereto.
7. (Previously Presented) The motor fan unit of claim 1, further comprising a spring assembly in operative contact with each said brush, whereby said spring assembly urges said brush toward said commutator.
8. (Previously Presented) The motor fan unit of claim 7, further comprising a spring holder extending from said end plate assembly receiving each said spring assembly.

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9. (Currently Amended) The motor fan unit of claim 8, wherein each said spring assembly has a first leg and a second leg, said spring holder including a first projection retaining said first leg, wherein ~~[[where in]]~~ said second leg is receivable in said gap ~~[[opening]]~~ and urges said brush toward said commutator.
10. (Currently Amended) The motor fan unit of claim 9, further comprising a second projection formed on said end plate assembly near said brush retainer, whereby said second leg of said spring assembly is receivable against said second projection to insert or remove said brushes ~~[[brush assembly]]~~.